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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all other versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1, 18 and 20 are amended, claims 8-17 and 23-30 are cancelled herein, and claims 33-42 are newly added

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system which facilitates electronic shopping, comprising:
 - a graphical image component residing on a user interface; and
 - a shopping basket component associated with the graphical image component, the shopping basket component being programmed to provide drag and drop capabilities wherein a user may drag and drop representations of identified items from a plurality of sources ~~using a computer pointer~~ into the graphical image and descriptions of the items will be retained by the shopping basket component.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an ordering component for identifying items retained by the shopping basket component, the ordering component providing for concurrent ordering of the identified items from the respective sources of the identified items.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, the identified items from the plurality of sources having a common schema associated with the descriptions of the items.
4. (Original) The system of claim 3, the common schema being an XML schema.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, the user interface being an Internet browser.

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6. (Original) The system of claim 5, the Internet browser and the shopping basket component residing on a client computer.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, the user interface being a desktop of a client computer and the shopping basket component being a desktop application associated with the graphical image.

8-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating electronic shopping, comprising:

relating items with descriptions corresponding to each of the items, the descriptions conforming to a common schema;
providing a representation of each of the items at a respective source; and
linking the representation of each item to a respective description of each item;
and

associating a shopping basket component with a graphical image on a user interface, wherein the corresponding description of the item will be retained by the shopping basket component.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, the common schema being an XML schema.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, ~~further comprising associating a shopping basket component with a graphical image on a user interface,~~ the shopping basket component having drag and drop capabilities wherein a user may drag and drop a provided representation of an item of each item using a computer pointer into the graphical image, ~~and the corresponding description of the item will be retained by the shopping basket component.~~

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21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising providing an ordering component for identifying items retained by the shopping basket component, the ordering component providing for concurrent ordering of the identified items from respective sources of the identified items.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, the user interface being one of an Internet browser and a desktop application residing on a client computer.

23-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) A computer readable medium having computer-executable components comprising:
a graphical image component residing on a user interface; and
a shopping basket component associated with the graphical image component wherein the shopping basket component provides drag and drop capabilities wherein a user may drag and drop representations of identified items from a plurality of sources using a computer pointer into the graphical image and descriptions of the identified items will be retained by the shopping basket component.

32. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 31, further comprising an ordering component for identifying items retained by the shopping basket component, the ordering component providing for concurrent ordering of the identified items from the respective sources of the identified items.

33. (New) An electronic shopping cart system, comprising:
an interface to one or more registered servers; and
a component that employs the interface to select an item from at least one registered server and add the item to an electronic shopping basket through a drag and drop approach.

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34. (New) The system of claim 33, further comprising a wish list component that stores items that are automatically added to the electronic shopping basket when user defined criteria is met.

35. (New) The system of claim 33, the electronic shopping basket is invoked through one of an icon on a web browser and a selectable menu option.

36. (New) The system of claim 33, further comprising an ordering component that provides concurrent purchasing of a plurality of items regardless of a source server.

37. (New) The system of claim 33, further comprising a search engine that facilitates searching items residing on the servers.

38. (New) A method for processing orders associated with an electronic shopping cart, comprising:

graphically presenting products located in a merchant web site, the products are linked to a schema that provide drag and drop capabilities;

utilizing the schema to add products to an electronic shopping basket by dragging products from the merchant site and dropping them in the electronic shopping basket; and

concurrently ordering the products in the electronic shopping basket through electronic submission and authentication of a purchase order.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, respective schema provide a description of an associated product.

40. (New) The method of claim 38, respective schema include a list of attributes associated with the product represented.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, the attributes include one or more of a source, a description, a price, a link and a link to product details.

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42. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising displaying the products in a web browser.